Policy for running primary schools

1364. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a policy for running primary schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that lakhs of children study under open sky in certain States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Though education is a concurrent subject, States frame their own norms for running primary schools. The National Policy of Education and its Programme of Action, alongwith recommendations of the Central Advisory Board of Education, serve as guiding principles for States for running schools.

(c) The last All India Educational Survey 1993 found some Primary Schools running in open spaces. On account of construction of classrooms under Operation Blackboard, DPEP and many other programmes, the situation would have considerably improved since then.

Harassment of female employees in Government offices

1365. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cases of harassment of female employees in Government offices are growing day by day;

(b) whether any survey/study has been done in this regard to find out its scale;

(c) if so, the result thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider bringing a law with a view to deal with such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.